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President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy has requested further information in response to Department's statement in letter to Commission that issuance by Soviets of tourist visa to Oswald in October 1959 in Helsinki was "unusual" because it was within two days after his application.

Report as much statistical information as possible concerning Soviet visa applications by Americans in Helsinki in 1959. Specifically: Approximately how many applications? What was average length of time for processing applications? What were the longest and shortest times and approximately how many applications fell into various categories of times for processing (e.g., one month, one week, three days)?

Note - Oswald first applied in Helsinki and above requests refer only to Soviet tourist visa applications by Americans in 1959 under comparable circumstances.

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